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Learn live the cow!

The zeal with which the defenders of the town cow plead for the welfare of that fair animal would give one the impression that here as well as in the realms of the Far East the cow is a sacred animal.

Old Sam and the ice handlers seemed to have a grudge against the people of New York last Monday. The thermometer registered over 90 and seven hundred ice handlers went on a strike refusing to deliver any of that "congealed glory" to the suffering populace.

The office of the Post has been moved this week to its new quarters in the Summerfield Building. On account of this fact the regular work of the office has been necessarily delayed. Now that we moved we are better able than ever to accommodate our patrons.

The recent controversy on the cow ordinance and its final outcome suggests the enactment of some law which will give the people more voice in the legislation of the town. All ordinary affairs connected with the government of the town can be capably handled by the council but there is a class of laws which are of most vital importance to every citizen and of right should be passed upon by him. The cow ordinance is a law of this class. This ordinance was put into effect by the town council but immediately it was made known by petition that this law was not in accord with the will of the majority of the citizens. The final result of the request of the people was the partial repeal of the ordinance. In Switzerland, the country which is acknowledged by all to be the most perfectly governed country and whose government is indeed a "government by the people and for the people," such as ours is supposed to be, all laws of a certain class must be approved directly by the majority of the citizens before they become valid. This mode of legislation, popularly called the referendum, might easily be applied to this town. In large republics and great cities it is necessarily very difficult to have all the voters assembled to vote on laws at all often, but here in a town this size, this system could easily be applied. It would of course be out of the question and altogether unnecessary for a direct vote of the people on all ordinances but there is a class of laws which most certainly do deserve a direct vote.

Forestry in the Southern Appalachians.

With the alarming decrease in the supply of virgin timber in this country persons are realizing more and more the necessity of complying more strictly to the laws of nature in the treatment of their timbered lands. In no section of the country does the application of forestry prove more remunerative than here in the south, and in particular, the forest region designated as the Southern Appalachians. Here the climate, moisture and soil conditions are such as to produce timber of prime commercial value, and a wide range in species. Among the usual important indigenous to this section are white, red, black and chestnut oaks, yellow poplar, basswood, hickory and black walnut in lesser quality. Strumpage values have advanced rapidly within the last few years owing to the erection of extract plants which utilize chestnut and the bark of chestnut oak; development of mining property which calls for an unlimited supply of chestnut for mine props, and better transportation facilities which offer a better outlet for sawn lumber along with coal and coke.

Logging, though not cheap, compares favorably with other sections of the country, having equal stumpage values. Topographical conditions in the country allow of transporting logs from the woods to mills situated

in cases by the use of chutes or skidding roads. From such a forest an annual substantial yield may be readily secured through the application of conservative forestry. The chief danger to a comparatively undeveloped timber region such as this, is the erection of saw mills with an annual capacity greatly in excess of the amount of wood fiber annually produced by the growing stock. When this, the lands are threatened by danger by fire and logging, both of which destroy reproduction which forms the basis for future yields. Fire must be excluded and may be accomplished with a comparatively small outlay by the construction of innumerable trails which not only check the fire and offers advantages for back firing in the case of high winds but facilitates prospecting, spool and opens up the property generally.

This summer the Forest Service is preparing a working plan for a tract of approximately 75,000 acres situated in Lee County, Va., and Harlan County, Ky. The field operations are being conducted by Mr. G. M. House, of the Forest Service, and four assistants.

The work will require about three months and will comprise a topographical map of the tract; a forest map showing where the various types occur, a tree to tree count of all core timber, the volume of which will then be ascertained from previously constructed volume tables for the various species; the average stand per acre, for other than core types, and recommendations for lumbering, diameter limits, rotation, annual yield and fire protection. Special attention will be given to the production and present and future yields of mining props. These points embrace the more important details for special consideration. It is hoped that others may profit from the completed results which possess a similar proportion, and that this particular tract may, in time to come, serve in a practical demonstration as to what may be accomplished through the application of conservative forestry.

DELEGATES CHOSEN

(Continued from page 1.)

In 1904, gives the county 32 delegates and 32 alternates.

STATE CONVENTION.

GLADEVIEW DISTRICT.

Delegates—D. E. Hensley, W. H. Holyfield, W. T. Hudgens, John L. Parsons, W. B. Hamilton, W. H. Roberts, Jas. A. Clemmons, W. D. Thornton, W. E. Adlington, F. M. Statton, C. W. Renfro and Geo. H. Miller.

ALTERNATES—J. W. Daugherty, C. E. Beverly, H. B. Renfro, J. B. Gilliam, Geo. W. Fraley, M. L. Ramsey, W. F. Hask, John W. Green, Samuel Wright, W. M. Potter, Geo. A. Soule and J. H. Gilliam.

RICHMOND DISTRICT.

Delegates—Col. C. Slem, J. N. Goodloe, K. B. Alsover, Henry Taylor, R. W. Hilly, John R. Lage, W. H. Horton, W. S. Rose, J. W. Knight and R. L. Brown.

Alternates—R. F. Barron, Geo. R. Kilgore, Wesley C. Taylor, W. L. Qualls, G. W. Kilbourne, F. A. Spruill, J. B. F. Whit, H. F. Whitehead, Chas. Duffy and Geo. W. Brown.

LIFE DISTRICT.

Delegates—R. M. Vickers, J. G. Cavell, A. B. Quillen, G. W. Mead, J. M. Meadless and H. G. Kiser.

Alternates—J. R. Kiser, J. C. Spear, L. F. Mead, J. D. Larkley, Ed Smith and Alex Murphy.

ROBINSON DISTRICT.

Delegates—A. J. Dutton, C. F. Robinson, James England and S. C. Mead.

Alternates—J. W. Cruise, D. T. Dutton, R. D. Stallard and Theo. Adlington.

LEGISLATIVE CONVENTION.

GLADEVIEW MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT.

Delegates—G. M. Vickers, R. F. Hamilton, G. W. Fraley, D. W. Holyfield, S. A. Hill, Geo. W. Beverly, R. Marion Smith, John A. Esser, John E. Dixon, S. E. Porter, John Hopkins and H. O. Ballou.

Alternates—D. R. Bishop, Harry Fletcher, S. N. Taylor, Harry H. Casper, Elman P. Dutton, W. E. Kilgore, W. R. Hopkins, J. N. Renfro, W. H. Lewis, G. A. Hutchinson, B. C. Cassidy and F. M. Vanover.

RICHMOND MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT.

Delegates—T. Q. Barstow, W. G. Stewart, Chas. Hask, W. R. Wilson, W. W. Bickley, Henry Taylor, W. H. Horton and S. R. Jesse.

Alternates—G. M. Brown, W. T. Goodloe, F. A. Spruill, H. A. Shamp, W. R. Collier, J. M. Robinson and H. N. Collier, W. S. Rose and Guy E. Taylor.

LIFE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT.

Delegates—M. S. Compton, J. W. Powers, P. M. Elder, C. C. Bolton, R. V. Wolford, J. H. Steel and G. R. Edwards.

Alternates—Swain Howell, J. I. Lawson, A. C. Porter, A. P. Gibson, G. F. Kiser, J. O. Corder and Robert Davis.

ROBINSON MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT.

Delegates—E. T. Kiser, G. H. Stallard, W. N. Hamilton and W. R. Holling.

Alternates—John Dutton, James Dutton, J. H. Hamilton and W. P. Hamilton.

As shown, any delegate or alternate present at either the State or Legislative Conventions, was in



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structed to cast the entire vote of the county.

On motion the delegates and alternates to the State Convention to be held at Roanoke on August 6th, 1905, were instructed to cast the entire vote of this county for Judge L. L. Lewis for Governor and F. M. Alderson for Attorney General.

On motion, W. S. Rose, W. H. Roberts and R. W. Whitford were appointed a committee to arrange transportation rates to the Roanoke convention.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

HENRY TAYLOR, Chairman.

G. A. VANCE, Secretary.

Dr. Wm. H. Hask, of the city of Norfolk, Va., is a well known and successful physician. He has been practicing medicine for over 20 years, and has a large number of patients. He is a member of the American Medical Association, and has been elected to the position of President of the Virginia Medical Association.

A TRIP TO HIGH KNOBS, VA.

Saturday morning, early, we boarded the train for the city of Norfolk, Va., the terminus of the party, chartered by Mr. and Mrs. Foster Burgess, consisted of their guests, Miss Julietta Mathews, Big Stone Gap, Miss Mabel Martin, Macdonald, Miss Jessie Cox, Frankfort, Ky., Mrs. John Steadman Cox, Houston, Texas, and Mr. Walter Bidwell, Bristol, Tenn. The coaches were crowded with tourists, strangers going to attend District Conference, as well as the old and new of way-side sight-seers who travel simply for the pleasure there is in it.

The small stations along the line were interesting to us from many viewpoints, especially where the coke ovens were located. Being a stranger to such sights, I enjoyed thoroughly the bright lights of the brick houses, as well as the thought of how the coke (one sees in the small factories in Texas, by which one is warned and the clothes washed and cleaned, comes not from the ground but from the waste of the iron-making process, and is a by-product of the blast-furnace gas, which is used in the making of iron and steel.

We reached Norfolk on time, at least the friend who met us at the station as stated, and immediately preparations were made for our excursion to "The Knobs," our destination, as soon as possible. Our host and his wife drove up the railway, the young people of the party walked, being joined by Mr. Joe Burgess, of Norfolk, and I had my own with grateful, being on horse-back for the first time since coming to Virginia and having the pleasure of "mountain climbing" from the back of a sure-footed animal which went trail up the steep incline as nimbly and easily as if I were in Kentucky or in Texas "scoring the prairie," as the white tourists say. The young man who guided me, Mr. Olan, of Norfolk, proved to be a very pleasant companion, pointing out the scenes of interest along our route, and pointing while I "held and held" over the exquisite bits of rare scenery lying back of us, and screaming with delight at the flowers and ferns growing by the roadside.

Mountains seem never to me than the towering, vast prairies where I have lived and worked. The great builders towering above us had been a part of a world new to me, and yet I caught from the green grassy slopes the largest blossoms, the blowing brook, a touch of sympathy for which my soul had longed. Higher and higher we mounted, stopping in a field of blackberries to eat the luscious fruit given to me by a mountain lass whose basket had to be called.

Then we halted to rest the horses, and I breathed anew the breath of life-giving air fresh and pure from Nature's cold stone storage. The morning seemed bathed in perfect peace. The faint whiff of smoke trailed the tops of trees, the fragrant blossoms shook out perfume, while a sense of God's benediction was felt on my heart.

No voice disturbed the religious quiet of the place, and I dared not breathe for fear of putting the dream to flight—a dream traversed by angels, who seemed to be all about me in the silence.

After a long sight of something akin to tears, we proceeded on our upward journey until we reached the point of our destination—"The Knobs"—4,000 feet as the crew files from the city we had left behind. These Knobs consist of bare pinacles of mountain top susceptible of grazing—owned, leased and leased to parties who pasture cattle thereon. From these rounded heights, perhaps three acres, the view is perfect, unobstructed in its entirety and beautiful beyond words to express. I had never felt the air so pure, so life-giving, so ethereal. One could well understand the delight of bird's existence—that emancipation from all encumbering weight—that luminous and empyrean life, floating in the blue of space, passing from one horizon to another with a stroke of wing. One must have a great deal of ear before one before one can be conscious of such lines freedom as this, such lightness of the whole being. Every element has its poetry, not the poetry of air's liberty. Far off in the distance I saw by the aid of field-glasses, the beautiful artistic curves of Lookout Mt., the Blue Ridge, Cumberland, Alleghenies, the Black Mt., every feature of which delighted my gaze and spoke in my consciousness. One's mind was as a silver thread upon the bosom of the far away valley, while views from

several places were named upon the retina of memory. As I looked a faint blue haze appeared in vision, shadowy yet tangible, falling in feathery vapor, or slowly mist upon the face of the deep beneath us, shutting out from sight the beautiful pictures and receding me back to earth. We found written upon the rocks the names of many visitors—these, too, had found solace in the smiles of Nature, leaving their autographs as evidence in stone. Soon we heard the shouts of our party and almost immediately the crowd were assembled congratulating each other on the successful ascent.

Our appetites were by this time thoroughly whetted, and we did full justice to the substantial and beautiful lunch spread by our friends, after which walks, talks, sketching and love making was indulged in. The air was cool enough for wraps, and yet the sunshine was warm as summer, blustering in its effects, and retentive as the "cosmetic" of Africa. After a delightful rest in the shadow of the heaved side of the mountain we gathered our belongings and made preparations for our departure. My good steed being given over to a third member of the party, and I, with shouldered gun, marched down to lower lands. The echoes were made merry by shouts of laughter and songs of good cheer. We stopped frequently to rest on moss-embowered logs, shooting at targets, picking blackberries, running races down grade, and enjoying the scenery all about us. It was an ideal outing!

At the foot of the mountain we paused by the side of a running stream for drinks. A little log cabin rested like a bird on the edge of the stream ready to tumble down with the first storm of wind and rain, or to fly away like the same was stronger back to the solitude and silence! "Wondered how the inmates lived. If happiness were an inheritance, and they had no need (as did we stranger people) to follow after the folly and foibles of earthy civilization and its world.

Still wandering our way slowly, we entered the city of Norfolk, which has the charm and freshness of its mountain environment, as well as the "hustle" of a progressive and business life. I was informed that the unusual number of strangers being held at that time, but the hotels were crowded, and the streets presented a well selected complement of carefully dressed men and beautifully groomed women.

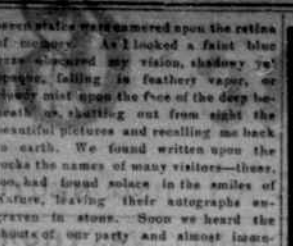
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At this meeting, on motion by S. R. Flenor it was voted by the Council to repeal that part of the cow ordinance which forced the owners to put them up at night but to put into effect that part concerning the feeding and milking of cows on the sidewalk. Those who voted yes were S. T. Flenor, S. R. Jesse, R. B. Alsover, A. M. Brown and W. W. Taylor. No, W. H. Horton. Thus the town cow will be allowed to resume her nocturnal banqueting.

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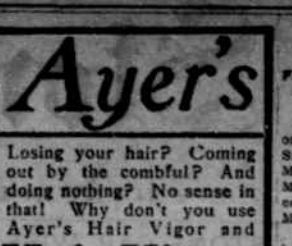
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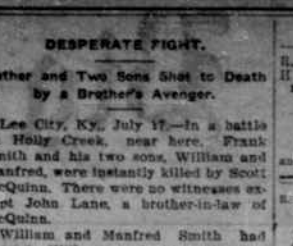
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